
APPENDIX G

PESTICIDE INFORMATION RESOURCES

Product manufacturers can provide information on hazards, efficacy, and safe disposal of pesticides. They are required to provide the public with a sample label and an MSDS (material safety data sheet) on request.

Cooperative Extension personnel (look in the government section of your phone book under Cooperative Extension) can provide information on the hazards and efficacy of pesticides. If you have questions about the pesticides that are registered against your particular pest, they can provide you with up-to-date information. The Cooperative Extension office also provides services for insect identification.

The National Pesticide Telecommunications Network (NPTN) operates a toll-free hotline, staffed by toxicologists, to provide the general public as well as the medical, veterinary, and other professional communities with the following:

- information on recognizing and managing pesticide poisonings
- tips for correctly using pesticides, especially household and professionally-applied pesticides
- referrals for laboratory analyses and investigation of pesticide incidents
- emergency treatment information
- pesticide clean-up and disposal procedures

NPTN/Department of Agricultural Chemistry
Oregon State University
Corvallis, OR 97331-7301
(800) 858-7378

The following non-profit organizations provide information on pesticides. These organizations are funded by memberships and donations. Information is provided for small fees.

NCAMP—National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides
701 “E” St., SE
Washington, D.C. 20003-2841
(202) 543-5450

- educates interested parties on the toxicity and health effects of pesticides
- sells chemical fact sheets
- collects records of poisonings and environmental illnesses
- provides referrals to expert witnesses specializing in toxicology and multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS)

NCAP—Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides
P.O. Box 1393
Eugene, OR 97440
(541) 344-5044

- answers questions on pest problems, pesticides, and alternatives
- sells chemical fact sheets and IPM packets for schools
- publishes the Journal of Pesticide Reform

NYCAP—New York Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides
P.O. Box 6005
Albany, NY 12206-0005
(518) 426-8246

- publishes a quarterly newsletter
- can provide information on setting up a school IPM program
- trains interested parties in IPM for both home and public property (includes office buildings and golf courses)

PANNA—Pesticide Action Network North America

116 New Montgomery St., Suite 810

San Francisco, CA 94105

(415) 541-9140

- clearinghouse for pesticide information
- will conduct library searches for a fee
- provides pesticide updates as they pertain to current media events
- provides referrals for pesticide alternatives
- concerned with international pesticide policy especially in South and Central America

Pesticide Education Center

Dr. Marion Moses

P.O. Box 420870

San Francisco, CA 94142-0870

(415) 391-8511

- well-informed about the health hazards of pesticide exposure
- strong emphasis on women and children

The Rachel Carson Council

8940 Jones Mill Rd.

Chevy Chase, MD 20815

(301) 652-1877

- publishes “Basic Guide to Pesticides”
- pesticide legislation advocacy group

The following non-profit organizations can provide information on alternatives to pesticides. These organizations are funded by memberships and donations. Information is provided for small fees.

The Bio-Integral Resource Center (BIRC)

P.O. Box 7414

Berkeley, CA 94707

(510) 524-2567

- can provide information and/or publications on least-toxic methods for managing any pest
- publishes two journals: The IPM Practitioner and Common Sense Pest Control Quarterly
- publishes Directory of Least-Toxic Pest Control Products which is updated yearly
- provides consultation and training in IPM

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(see preceding section for description)

Washington Toxics Coalition

4516 University Way, NE

Seattle, WA 98105

(206) 632-1545

- provides technical information, strategies, and alternative management policies to people working to protect human health and the environment
- offers the “Buy Smart, Buy Safe” consumer guide to least-toxic products (20 pp.)
- sells “Home Safe Home” fact sheets on toxics and their alternatives in and around the home
- sells industrial toxics reduction fact sheets

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